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DECEMBER 12, 2003 MINUTES

The sixteenth meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority was held December 12, 2003 at 374-A Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson William T Fujioka called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum of the Authority:

William T Fujioka, Chairperson, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles
David E. Janssen, Vice Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Los Angeles
Leroy Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County
Dr. Steven N. Garcia, Vice President, Finance and Administration, California State University Los Angeles

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Director Garcia, seconded by Director Janssen, the Authority unanimously approved the September 25, 2003 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson acknowledged the retirement of Pat Mallon from the Sheriff's Department and thanked him for continuing as a consultant by the Sheriff's Department to maintain the cohesiveness of the project.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Officers

Chairperson: On motion of Director Garcia, seconded by Director Fujioka, the Authority unanimously elected Director Janssen as Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson: On motion of Director Fujioka, seconded by Director Baca, the Authority unanimously elected Director Bratton as Vice Chairperson.

Secretary: On motion of Director Janssen, seconded by Director Fujioka, the Authority unanimously elected Director Garcia as Secretary.

Concurrence of the 50% Architectural Plans, Program and Budget Schedule

Pat Mallon, Project Coordinator, reported that the two independent estimates based on the architectural plans came in under budget.

Paul Davidson, Supervising Project Director, California Department of General Services, discussed the Program and Budget Schedule:

- The estimates came in on target at the 50% level, the entire \$96 million was appropriated but \$84 million has not been transferred yet.
- The working drawings appropriation is \$13 million, \$7 million was transferred for the design and \$6 million is projected for purchase of the structural steel.
- The new estimates are in and are on budget for the construction phase. Estimated contractor costs are \$62.8 million with a five percent contingency for change orders of \$3 million plus the steel for a total estimated construction cost of \$72 million.
- Soft costs consisting of design inspection and material testing are \$12 million.

Director Fujioka expressed concern with the current volume of public projects and potential differences in cost estimates and actual bids. Mr. Davidson stated that contractors want this type of project to list on their qualifications and as a result he does not believe there will be any increases from the estimates.

On motion of Director Garcia, seconded by Director Janssen, the Authority unanimously approved the Concurrence of the 50% Architectural Plans, Program and Budget Schedule.

STAFF REPORTS ON ACTIVITY OF THE INTERNAL PLANNING UNIT

Project Update: James Hall, Project Director, Jacobs Facilities, Inc. reported that:

- The sewer capacity issue was resolved verbally this morning and will be processed through the Los Angeles City Sanitation Department. Written confirmation is pending.
- The electricity will be provided by a new power source south of the site.
- California State University, Los Angeles needs to renegotiate some of its data communications bank work with resolution anticipated by January 2004.
- Due diligence is under reviewed by the State with approval anticipated by the end of December 2003.
- The next milestone set in March 2004 is for the architect's presentation of a 95% working drawing. Jacobs will then perform a comprehensive estimate.
- Prequalification of the contractors was initiated. A team was selected with representatives from the University, the County, the City and the State and will meet this Tuesday and lay out the requirements for this project.

Operations Work Group – Budget Estimates: Greg Matheson, Scientific Investigation Division, Los Angeles Police Department, reported that:

- The budget estimates are divided into two tasks: the development of the operating policy/operating agreement and operating costs.
- Representatives from County Counsel and the City Attorney's Office are preparing a list of budgetary items and fiscal issues so there is no duplication.
- The actual operating policies on fiscal issues were deferred until the monetary issues are resolved.
- Under operating costs there are three sets of expenses being reviewed: facility maintenance (preliminary figures at this time), move-in cost (shared and tenant specific), and moving costs (tenant specific).
- The unit is looking at an estimated annual cost of \$1.5 million.

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S TASKFORCE REPORT ON FORENSIC SERVICES

Greg Matheson, Scientific Investigation Division, Los Angeles Police Department, discussed the California Attorney General's report with regard to forensic science.

CALIFORNIA FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Rose Ochi, Executive Director, California Forensic Science Institute, reported that:

- The grant from the National Institute of Justice was placed on hold.
- The Project for Firearms, Drug/Toxicology, and DNA training is moving forward with acknowledgement to former Lt. Nick Berkuta of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.
- CSI Production Company created an endowment in the Institute's name and \$47,500 was received.
- CSI placed the Institute on their website as a recipient for future contributions.
- Homeland Security/Forensic Services followed up its March Public Table Top Exercise with a June 2003 meeting titled Coroner Follow-Up Meeting to discuss issues raised at the first meeting.
- The Los Angeles Terrorist Early Warning established a Forensic Group chaired by Barry Fisher, Laboratory Director for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- Ms. Ochi attended a National Crime Laboratory Directors' meeting addressing the response to disasters such as bombings and the SAR's outbreak.
- Discussions to incorporate the California Forensic Science Institute as a national resource network into the language of an appropriations bill have begun.
- The Institute is attempting to secure federal funding for in-service delivery at the base level.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

The next Joint Powers Authority meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2004 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.